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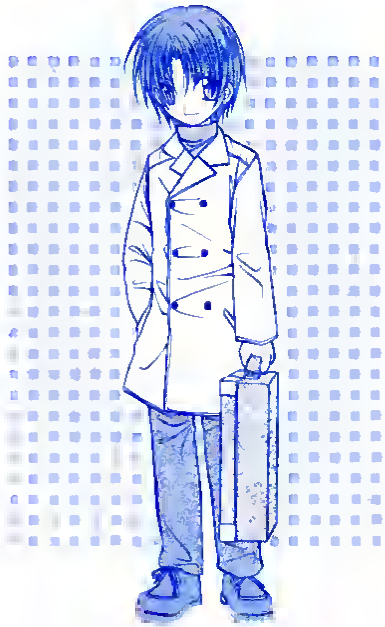

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CHAPTER 26:
DISTANT DAWN

WHEN YOU COME TO VISIT ME IN THE HOSPI-TAL, BRING ME CAKE OR MELON
I CAN'T EAT FLOW-ERS!
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IT'S FROM KIYO-TAKA
.....
...IT'S NOT FROM ME...
..THAT'S HOW HE'S ALWAYS BEEN
AN IRIS ...
'THE HAPPI-NESS OF THE BELIEV-ER'...
IT'S THE FLOWER KIYO-TAKA-SAMA LOVES ...

...THINKING THAT YOU CAN WIN ANYTHING WITH BELIEF.
.....
TODAY ...
KANONE WILL ARRIVE IN JAPAN ON THE AFTERNOON FLIGHT
IN ORDER TO "HUNT" US BLADE CHILDREN.

RIO,
I'LL LEAVE YOU WITH THE PREP-ARATION AGAINST KANONE
YES, I UNDER-STAND.
WE HAVE TO STOP KANONE-KUN!
BUT EVEN THOUGH HE'S AN ENEMY NOW,
HE'S STILL AN IMPOR-TANT FRIEND.
KI YO TA KA !!!
WHAT DO . YOU THINK?
.....

KANONE IS GOING AGAINST US.
ARE YOU SEARCHING FOR WHAT I BELIEVE IN?
NO WAY, IS THAT THING ALSO... PART OF YOUR PLAN FOR US...?
YOU MUST BELIEVE!

KA-
NONE-
KUN IS
PROBA-
BLY.
SOME-
WHERE IN
HIS HEART,
BEGGING
YOU TO
STOP HIM,
EYES-KUN.
.....

AH……
I GIVE UP...
BE-CAUSE I EVADED IT BEFORE,
NEE-SAN WOULD NEVER TALK ABOUT IT.
BUT I'M GLAD THAT SHE DIDN'T ASK DETAILED QUESTIONS
AS SHE WAS ALWAYS STARING AT ME FROM THE SHADOWS

AND THEY HAVEN'T MEDDLED WITH ME SINCE THEN
I WISH TO LIVE IN PEACE, BUT
ANIKI'S PROBLEM HASN'T BEEN SETTLED YET.
THE STORM WILL COME AGAIN ---...
.....
ん？
WHAT SHOULD I DO ...?
...SA-AN...
NARUMI-SAN, NARUMI-SAN, NARUMI-SAAAAN!!

NA-
RUMI-
SAAA-
-AN!!!
SO HERE YOU ARE!!
IT'S A DISAS-TER!
A TOTAL DISAS-TER!
SHUT UP!
DON'T MAKE A FUSS WHILE I'M EATING.
THIS IS NO TIME TO BE SO CARE-LESS.
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A TRANSFER STUDENT HAS JOINED THE 2ND YEAR TODAY!
SO WHAT ?
SO,
IT'S JUST A DISAS-TER, I TO...
ううう
... DAMN.
YOU DON'T NEED TO PANIC SO MUCH ABOUT A TRANSFER STUDENT.
?
オレ
.....

YO
WHY
WHY ARE YOU HERE ?!
ASA-DZUKI !!
WHY, YOU ASK ...
I TRANS-FERRED HERE TODAY.

IS THAT SO?
ASA-DZUKI-SAN HAS JUST TRANS-FERRED HERE TODAY!
YOU MISSED ALL OF JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL, NO?
WHY'D THEY LET YOU TRANS-FER HERE?
THAT'S CHEAT-ING, CHEAT~ ~ING!!
MY ENTRANCE EXAMS' RESULTS WERE REALLY GOOD!
YOU CHEAT -ED!
YOU'RE BEING RUDE.
I TOOK THE EXAMS WITH MY SKILLS.
ANY-WAY!
NA-RUMI-OTOU-TO!
AS OF TODAY, I'M OF A HIGHER GRADE THAN YOU.

THE HELL I WILL!!
SO SHOW YOUR RESPECT AND CALL ME "ASADZUKI-SENPAI".
...DIDN'T YOU JUST TRANSFER HERE AS PART OF A JOKE?
... WHO KNOWS ?
OR ARE YOU PLANNING TO KILL SOMEONE AGAIN?
Since you're asking, shall I kill one or two?

YOU BAS-TARD ...!
HEY YO—!!
KOU-SUKE !!
DON'T CAUSE TROUBLE ON YOUR FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL!!
Hii?
Gah

...
YOU
RYOU-KO!
ARE YOU PLANNING ON KILLING ME?!
AS IF YOU'LL DIE FROM SUCH A THING.
STOP DOING THAT AND STAND UP ALREADY.
むぅ
DAMN ...
A FLYING KICK ALL OF A SUDDEN ...
REAL MEN DON'T COMPLAIN.
HEY.
LUNCH BREAK IS SHORT.
GO BUY ME SOME BREAD.
...
BREAD?

I'VE DECIDED TO HAVE IT FOR MY LUNCH
GO BUY IT FOR ME.
...HEY, WHY SHOULD I--...
IT-IS-FINE-SO-
GO AND BUY IT!!
OUCH
...DAMN

I'M GONNA PUT A COLLAR ON KOUSUKE,
SO, LET IT GO THIS TIME, 'KAY?
SORRY FOR ALL THE FUSS.
...
...SO THAT MEANS YOU'RE---
THAT'S RIGHT.
I'M ONE OF THE BLADE CHIL-DREN!
TAKA-MACHI RYOU-KO!

LISTEN TO ME FOR A MOMENT
IT'D BE BETTER IF YOU'RE OBEDIENT.
WHAT DO YOU MEAN ?
WHEN IT'S TIME TO PLAY, THEN PLAY.
If not, you might disappear before it.
SEE YA

.....
HEY
WHAT ON EARTH IS GONNA HAPPEN ...?

HERE
I BOUGHT IT FOR YOU.
BAKERY
Crazy Moon
THANK YOU VERY MUCH ♪
THAT WAS KIYO -TAKA'S LITTLE BROTHER?
YES ...
I'VE HEARD RUMORS ABOUT HIM, BUT ...
ISN'T THAT BASTARD'S LITTLE BROTHER CUTE?

BUT HE HAS A BIG MONSTER
LIVING DEEP INSIDE HIS HEART.
HOW SHOULD I KNOW ?
.....

THE NUMBER OF PEOPLE THAT WILL BE KILLED BY HIM...
I REALLY CAN'T SMILE ANYMORE

KANONE IS COMING TO JAPAN TODAY?
HMM? YES.
HE'LL BE A STUDENT HERE TOMORROW.

...
Sorry for getting you involved in this...

.....
You probably won't believe it but...
You're the only one I didn't plan on causing trouble for...
...Kou-suke

DID YOU STAND ON YOUR TIP-TOES?
HUH?
YOU REALLY ARE STANDING ON THEM!
LAST YEAR I WAS TALLER!!
I TOOK CALCIUM AND THINGS LIKE THAT EVERYDAY!!
OUCH
KOUSUKE, YOU CHEEKY BASTARD!!
GULP

IT'S NICE TO SEE YOUR CHILD-HOOD FRIEND ---...
.....
Fuh

I THOUGHT YOU'D COME TO GREET ME.
I'M GLAD
I BOUGHT SOUVE-NIRS FOR YOU

.....
...SORRY
THAT'S MY DECI-SION.
...I WON'T LET YOU HUNT ANYONE ...
...YOU REALLY ARE STANDING HERE AS A "HUNTER"?
I'LL STOP YOU!
I'LL STOP YOU FOR YOUR-SELF.

YOU ARE TOO SOFT ...
THAT'S IMPOS-SIBLE ...
BE-CAUSE

KA-
NONE
...
YOU
...!!

HAVE A GOOD DEATH.

...KIYO-TAKA...
IS THIS THE RESULT ...
Of my belief ...?

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The "hunt" ...
...has started.

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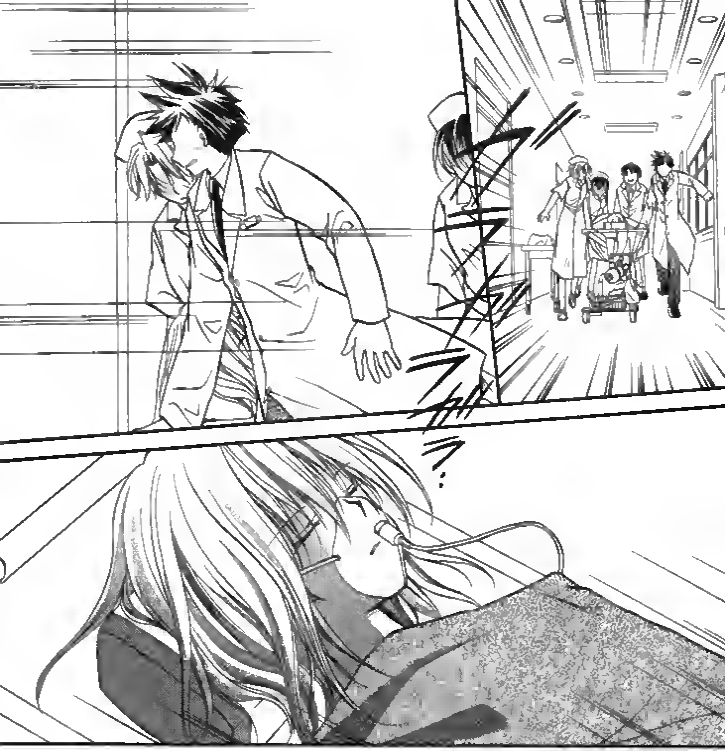
WALTZ INTO DARKNESS



Today, a little after 4 PM, the pianist Eyes Rutherford-san that is currently on a stay in Japan was stabbed by someone at the national airport and was transported to the hospital.

THAT RUTHER-FORD WAS REALLY STABBED!!
RUTHER-FORD WAS STABB-ED?!
WHO DID IT!!?
WHY ON EARTH !?
IT CAN ONLY BE KA-NONE!
IT'S OBVI-OUS!!
The police are--
Even after urgent surgery, he remains uncon-scious.
STUDIO ANTA

HE'S UNCON-SCIOUS...
WELL,
SUMO ANTA
HE'S STILL ALIVE AFTER THAT...
EYES IS QUITE STUBBORN TOO.
IT'D BE SUCH A WASTE IF IT ENDED SO QUICKLY.
YEAH.

HOW WILL ASA-DZUKI AND FRIENDS MOVE AFTER THIS?
... WELL
ANTA
Although there were many people in the airport at the time of the incident
It looks like there are no possible eye-witnesses as of now--
AND ALSO KIYOTAKA'S LITTLE BROTHER ...

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KANONE HILBERT.
THAT'S MY NAME, BUT I'M HALF JAPANESE.

WELL, I'M INEXPERI-ENCED SO PLEASE TAKE CARE OF ME.
AND SO, ALTHOUGH I'M ENGLISH, I LEARNED JAPANESE.
AND I'M ALSO FINE WITH KANSAI DIALECT.
CAN WE EAT LUNCH TOGETH-ER?
IS IT OKAY?
KA-NONE-KUN, KA-NONE-KUN!

ガラ
SORRY.
I HAVE A SCARY PRIOR OBLIGATION.
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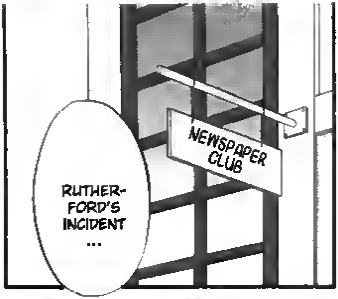
YOU'RE QUITE POPULAR, RIGHT FROM DAY ONE.
THAT'S BECAUSE I HAVE GOOD LOOKS AND PERSONALITY, UNLIKE YOU
YOU COULD SAY THAT.
HEY, RYOUKO! WHOSE SIDE ARE YOU ON?!
MORE IMPORTANTLY, KANONE,
CAN YOU HANG WITH ME FOR A WHILE?
IF THAT'S ...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RUTHER-FORD'S INCIDENT ...

Lady D
THERE'S NO FOLLOW-UP REPORT?

NOTHING NEW SINCE YESTER-DAY

... What you wish then ...

THE POLICE STILL HAVE NO CLUES ON THE CULPRIT;
AND RUTHERFORD IS STILL IN CRITICAL CONDITION.
HE MIGHT STAY UNCONSCIOUS FOREVER..
OR, WORST OF ALL, HE MIGHT EVEN DIE---...
DAMN !!
GH--!!
WHAT'S GOING ON?!
IT'S DEFINITELY GOT SOME THING TO DO WITH THE BLADE CHILDREN OR MY BROTHER!
...CALM DOWN, NARUMI-SAN...

YOU HAVE TO CALM DOWN AND ANALYZE THE SITUATION...
BUT THIS IS...
I KNOW THAT.
NOT AN UPRIGHT DEVELOPMENT.

...YOU KNOW,

IF RUTHER-FORD DIES...
YOU WON'T BE ABLE TO GO BACK ANYMORE.
Fuh
I'VE DECIDED TO LIVE TILL MY END AS A "HUNTER".

PRESENTING THE PROPER PUNISHMENT TO THOSE WHO STARTED THIS NIGHTMARE.
HUNTING YOU DETEST-ABLE BLADE CHILDREN,
AND THEN,

I DON'T FEEL LIKE RETURN-ING ANY-WHERE.
WITHIN THE LIMITS OF MY POWERS,
ALL YOU SINNERS WILL BE TRIED AND JUDGED BY ME.
...
"JUDGE", YOU SAY?
WE'RE BOTH KILLERS.
YOU CAN'T SAY SOME-THING LIKE THAT WHEN WE DON'T HAVE ANY JUSTICE.
I KNOW THAT.

I'M NOT THINKING ABOUT JUSTICE.
THOSE BORN IN THE DARKNESS WILL RETURN TO THE DARKNESS BY THE HAND OF ONE ALSO BORN IN THE DARKNESS.
THAT'S ALL.
SO I CAN GO BACK TO THE DARK-NESS.
IN THE END, I TOO
WILL PROBABLY BE SHOT IN THE HEAD BY THIS HAND.
.....

...IN THE END
IT SEEMS WE CAN'T DO ANYTHING, BUT FIGHT.
.....
...WE'LL DEFINITELY STOP YOUR JUDGMENT OR WHATEVER.
BUT,
IT WAS RUTHERFORD'S ORDER NOT TO KILL YOU.
ALTHOUGH IT'S ANNOYING, I'M OBEYING HIS ORDERS.
BUT

IF RUTHERFORD DIES, I WON'T HAVE ANY RESTRAINTS;
...CAN YOU DO THAT?
THAT DAY WILL BE YOUR DEATH.
MY FIGHTING SKILLS ARE BETTER THAN YOURS.

*T/L note: This term means "double suicide" and both are said with the same kanji.

Fuh--
A LOVERS' SUICIDE BETWEEN FELLOW MEN,
IT'S A BAD HOBBY.
Uwa!
IT'S NOT A HOBBY FOR ME EITHER!
NO NEED TO BE SO TENSE ALREADY; IT'S WAY TOO EARLY FOR "THE HUNT".
I JUST GOT TO JAPAN AND I DON'T HAVE ALL OF MY WEAPONS READY.
I'LL BE PREPARING FOR A WHILE.
... BUT

WHEN I FINISH PREPAR-ING,
DEATH WILL BE GUNNING YOU DOWN.
SO, LET'S ALL
ENJOY A GOOD SCHOOL LIFE

...DON'T DIE...
KOU-SUKE ...
...THAT'S A DIFFICULT REQUEST ...
HEY, HEY!
YOUR STOMACH'S EMPTY, SO YOUR HEAD ISN'T WORKING!

AH!
I WONDER WHAT IT IS TODAY ---♪
SO, EAT THIS BENTO, NOW!
HEY!
DON'T OPEN MY BENTO WITHOUT ASKING!
ISN'T THAT FINE?
I COULDN'T HELP MYSELF, NARUMI-SAN; YOUR BENTO SMELLS SO DELI-CIOUS!
YES, WHO IS IT?
I'LL OPEN ..

...CAN I HELP YOU?
AH!
DO YOU WANT TO JOIN OUR CLUB ?!
SORRY.
I JUST WANT TO SPEAK WITH NARUMI AYUMU-KUN OVER THERE.

...ME?
YES.
NICE TO MEET YOU.
I'M ONE OF THE BLADE CHILDREN, KANONE HILBERT.

I HAVE SOMETHING I REALLY WANT YOUR COOPERATION ON.
HUH?
WILL YOU LISTEN?

I'M ONE OF THE BLADE CHILDREN,
KANONE HILBERT.
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DEATH IS MY DANCER
I HAVE SOMETHING I REALLY WANT YOUR COOPERATION ON.
WILL YOU LISTEN?

CHAPTER 28:
DEATH IS MY
DANCER

...
WA-
WAIT A MINUTE.
YOU SAID, "BLADE CHIL-DREN"?
CAN I USE A CUTE ABBREVIA-TION LIKE "BLACHIL"?
WHY DOES SOMEONE LIKE YOU NEED MY COOPERA-TION?!
THIS ISN'T THE TIME FOR THAT!!

THAT IS, YOU SEE...
BECAUSE I'M OPPOS-ING
EYES AND ASADZUKI, RYOUKO AND RIO.
...OPPOS-ING?
WE WERE FRIENDS IN THE PAST,
BUT THAT'S ALL OVER NOW.

I have a "wish" that I want to come true so much that I am risking my life for it.
for that, I've come here from England.
BUT THEY ARE TRYING TO PREVENT IT.

FOR MY "WISH" THAT WILL NOT LET UP.
YES.
BECAUSE I HAVE TO FIGHT THEM.
. . SO ASADZUKI ENTERING SCHOOL AND THAT TAKAMACHI RYOUKO'S APPEARANCE ARE ALL PART OF A STRATEGY TO COUNTER YOU?
...I WANT YOU TO COOPERATE.
YOU SHOULD OPPOSE THEM TOO.

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.....
YOU
KNOW ABOUT MY CIRCUM-STANCES... OR SO IT SEEMS?
THAT'S BECAUSE UNTIL RECENTLY, I'VE ALWAYS BEEN IN CONTACT WITH EYES.
SO THE INFORMA-TION DEFI-NITELY REACHED ME

.....
WITHOUT KNOWING WHAT YOUR "WISH" MIGHT BE
I CAN'T SHAKE HANDS WITH YOU.
...IT'S NOT THAT HARD TO EXPLAIN

A~H! I'LL ...
SO BRING SOME GREEN TEA!
.....
AFTER ALL, I DID BUY A NEW TEA SET!
...WHAT IS YOUR "WISH"?

FOR ALL OF THE BLADE CHILDREN TO BE ...
EX-TERMI-NATED ...

---DON'T YOU RE-MEMBER HEARING THAT?

"THE BLADE CHILDREN ARE DANGEROUS, WE HAVE TO TERMINATE THEM"
YES, I REMEMBER.
IT'S TRUE.
I'LL CONFIRM THAT AS ONE OF THE BLADE CHILDREN.
WE ARE A DANGEROUS EXISTENCE WITH NO LIMITS IN THIS WORLD
...SO YOU'LL KILL THEM ALL... HUH?
THAT'S YOUR ATONEMENT?
NO.
I CARRY THE SAME RESPONSIBILITY AS ONE WHO IS CURSED

LET'S HEAR YOUR ANSWER.
WILL YOU COOPERATE,
OR WILL YOU REFUSE?
IT'S FINE IF YOU COOPERATE,
BUT IF YOU REFUSE,
YOU'LL REALLY BECOME AN ENEMY.
AND SINCE YOU'LL BE SUCH AN EXTRAORDINARY, SKILFUL ENEMY,
I WON'T BE ABLE TO LET YOU LIVE IN THE FUTURE.

I'LL HAVE TO SHUT THAT GIRL'S MOUTH SO THAT SHE CAN'T BECOME THE EYE WITNESS TO A MURDER.
IT'S INEX-CUSABLE IF THAT HAPPENS, BUT,
.....
THAT'S RIGHT...
SO YOU ARE THE ONE WHO STABBED RUTHER-FORD?

IF YOU WANT TO SHOOT, GO AHEAD.
WHA ...

NA-RUMI-SAN!
THAT PERSON STABBED RUTHER-FORD!
HE MEANS IT!
HE WON'T SHOOT.
IF HE DOES, PEOPLE WILL RUSH IN HERE FROM THE SOUND OF THE GUNSHOT,
AND THE GUNPOWDER OF THE BULLET IN THE VICTIM WILL BE LEFT AS PROOF.
EVEN IF HE KILLS US HERE,
HE'LL BE CAUGHT BY THE POLICE IN LESS THAN AN HOUR.
IF THAT HAPPENS, HIS PRECIOUS "WISH" CAN NEVER COME TRUE.
SO HE WON'T SHOOT, RIGHT ?

--THAT'S WHAT I'D LIKE TO SAY, BUT,
..AMAZ -ING.
YOU'RE A LITTLE NAIVE.
I CAN SHOOT YOU IN SILENCE AND LEAVE NO EVI- DENCE
THIS IS AN AIR GUN.
THOUGHT IT WAS THE REAL THING.
YOU CAN'T KILL PEOPLE WITH A TOY, RIGHT?
IT HAS NO SOUND NOR GUN- POWDER.

DON'T UNDERESTIMATE AIR.
AIR GUNS ARE USED IN HUNTING TOO.

THE PELLET WENT RIGHT THROUGH THE WALL!
ISN'T THAT SUPPOSED TO BE MADE OF CONCRETE?!
...A NORMAL AIR GUN USES
0.3 GRAM BB PELLETS WITH A MUZZLE VELOCITY OF 60-70 METERS PER SECOND
BUT THIS GUN WAS MODIFIED
TO RAPIDLY FIRE 10 PELLETS, WEIGHING 4 GRAMS IN 150 ATMOSPHERES, WHICH TRAVEL AT 150 METERS PER SECOND
IT'S INFERIOR TO A REAL GUN, BUT,
IF I FIRE 5-6 SHOTS FROM THIS DISTANCE TO YOUR HEAD, IT HAS THE POWER TO KILL YOU.

YOUR ANSWER..
CO-OPERATE, OR...
REFUSE?
.....
NA-
NARUMI-SAN!

...DESPITE THAT, YOU WON'T SHOOT.
SURE, YOU CAN REALLY USE THIS GUN, BUT,
TO KILL ME YOU'LL HAVE TO SHOOT 5 TIMES.
SHE CAN RUN OUTSIDE,
AND CALL FOR HELP.
IF, IN THAT TIME, SHE GETS CLOSE TO THE DOOR...

EVEN IF YOU KILL ME,
YOU WILL BE CAUGHT.
YOU WON'T BE ABLE TO SILENCE HER.
SO YOU WON'T REALLY SHOOT.
BE PREPARED FOR A DASH.
IF HE SHOOTS, JUMP OUT OF THE CLUB ROOM!!
UNDERSTOOD!
I'LL QUICKLY RUN AWAY!

PUT THE GUN DOWN.
IT'S YOUR LOSS.
...NOT YET.

THERE IS A HOLE IN YOUR READING.

WHEN SOMEONE CLOSE IS KILLED RIGHT BEFORE YOU,
MOST PEOPLE USUALLY EITHER FREEZE DUE TO THE SHOCK
OR DO THE OPPOSITE AND CLING TO THE CORPSE WHILE SHOUTING HIS NAME
EVEN IF I KILL YOU RIGHT BEFORE HER EYES ...
WILL SHE REALLY RUN AWAY WITHOUT HESITA-TION?
!
EVEN THOUGH THEY KNOW THEY'LL BE KILLED NEXT,
THERE ARE VERY FEW PEOPLE WHO'LL IMMEDI-ATELY RUN AWAY.

SO I HAVE AN OPPOR-TUNITY
TO KILL YOU AND STILL SILENCE THE GIRL.
KUH... HE'S ANALYSING THIS SO CALMLY---...
IF THE GIRL IS ONE OF THOSE FEW, IT'S MY LOSS
IF NOT, IT'S MY VICTORY.
IT WOULDN'T BE A BAD IDEA TO PUT YOUR THEORY TO THE TEST.

YOU'D BETTER STOP.
SHE'S NOT A NORMAL GIRL.
YOU'RE AT A DISADVANTAGE.
.....
I THOUGHT HE HAD WON SO I SAID THAT I WOULD RUN AWAY, BUT...
WHAT IF NARUMI-SAN WERE REALLY SHOT...?

DO I REALLY HAVE THE SELF-CONFIDENCE TO RUN AWAY WITHOUT HESITATION--.?

I WASN'T PLANNING ON SHOOT-ING FROM THE START.
...JUST KIDD -ING!
Pfeew...
.....

I'VE DECIDED NOT TO KILL ANYONE BUT THE BLADE CHILDREN ANYMORE
NO MATTER HOW DISADVANTAGEOUS IT WILL BE I'LL KEEP TO THIS RULE...
BECAUSE, THIS WAY, I CAN THINK
OF IT AS THE LAST OF MY PRIDE.
I ONLY CAME TO CHECK TODAY.
I'M EXPECTING THAT YOU WILL NOT BECOME AN ENEMY.

ARE-
ARE YOU ALRIGHT?! HARUMI-SAN!
SEEING AS HOW I'M ALIVE,
I GUESS I'M FINE...
IF HE DIDN'T HAVE THAT RULE,
I WOULD PROBABLY... HAVE BEEN KILLED...
THAT BASTARD.. SAYING HE'S DAN-GEROUS IS AN UNDER-STATE-MENT...!!

# CHAPTER 29: BLACK ANGEL

DAMN... IT'S BEEN MORE THAN AN HOUR ALREADY...
AND I'M STILL FROZEN SOLID.

"FOR ALL OF THE BLADE CHILDREN TO BE EXTERMINATED..."
"I'M HOPING YOU WON'T BE MY ENEMY."
BLOOM!
I KNOW THEY WANT TO KILL EACH OTHER, BUT...
IT'S NOT RELATED TO WHETHER I'M AN ALLY OR AN ENEMY...
RE-LATED!!

DAMN! THAT'S IMPOS-SIBLE TOO...
NO...
IT'S NOT SUCH AN ORDINARY SITUATION ANYMORE ---...!!

KANONE HILBERT.
IT'LL BE FASTEST IF I ASK THE BLADE CHILDREN, BUT---
I CAN'T TRUST ASADZUKI,
AND I'VE A WEIRD FEELING ABOUT THAT NEW-COMER...
ANYWAY, INFOR-MATION RELATED TO HIM ...
...WITH THAT,

THE ONLY ONE LEFT IS...
AL- RIGHT!
I'M GOING!

?
?
AH!

RYOU-KO-SAN!
YOU'RE THE GIRL WHO WAS TOGETHER WITH KYOTAKA'S LITTLE BROTHER, RIGHT?
WHY ARE YOU HERE?
THAT'S MY LINE!
SO,
WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE?
CLASSES ARE STILL GOING ON AT SCHOOL.
IT'S NOT GOOD TO BE SKIPPING!
YOU'RE CUTTING CLASS TOO, NO?

I CAME TO ASK RIO-SAN ABOUT KANONE.
INFOR-MATION IS THE GREAT-EST WEA-PON.
I REALLY THOUGHT HE WAS GONNA KILL HIM!
KA-NONE, YOU SAID?!
WHY DO YOU...
THAT PERSON CAME TO THE NEWSPAPER CLUB DURING THE LUNCH BREAK.
HE HELD A GUN TOWARD NARUMI-SAN WHILE ASKING FOR COOPER-ATION IN ANNI-HILATING ALL OF THE BLADE CHILDREN!

SHH!
.....
YOU DON'T NEED TO WORRY.
KANONE WON'T KILL ANYONE BUT THE BLADE CHILDREN NOW.
...YES.

KA-NONE-SAN JUST CAME TO CHECK AND
HE SAID HE WON'T KILL ANYONE BUT THE BLADE CHILDREN, BUT...
DO YOU REALLY BELIEVE HIM?
.....
...KA-NONE IS A MUR-DERER, BUT
HE'S NOT A VILLAIN ...
SO
HE'LL DEFINITELY KEEP THAT PROMISE.

WHEN HE WITHDREW AFTER DOING THAT, I COULDN'T SIT STILL!
THIS IS GOING TO BE A FULL-POWER COUNTER-ATTACK!!
...ANY-WAY,
AL!
SO, WHY IS RYOU-KO-SAN HERE?
...ME?
KNOWING THAT HE WON'T KILL MAKES ME WANT TO DO IT EVEN MORE!
.....

Klink
I HAD A PREMO-NITION...
YES.
WELL...

Knock knock
COME IN--
-IF I CAN'T READ KANONE -KUN...
WE'LL ALWAYS LOSE OUR INI-TIATIVE LIKE THAT...
Klack...

KA-
KA-NO...
HELLO!

ヒュ
ア
……
IT'S HARD TO HANDLE YOUR POWERS.
TOO BAD, RIO.

MM...
MNN...
YOU'LL DIE BEFORE THE CARNIVAL.
AH!!
THAT'S RIGHT, I'LL CALL THE NURSE!

IT'LL BE TROUBLE-SOME IF THE POLICE COME AND DISCOVER THAT I'M A MURDERER.
YOU DIED AFTER EATING THE MELON THAT YOU RECEIVED.
...I CAN DISGUISE IT SO EASILY.

I DON'T WANT TO HAVE SUCH A LAME DEATH---!
MMM-MMM
MMM...
STOP IT, KA-NONE!

--my, my.
SO IT'S YOU.
YOU THOUGHT THAT YOU COULD ATTACK RIO BY SURPRISE WHILE SAYING THAT YOU'RE PREPARING.
AND IT WAS JUST GETTING GOOD.
HUU

FU~~~!
YOU SAVED ME, RYOUKO-CHA~AN!
AH..
OKAY, OKAY.
YOU'RE GETTING SMALLER EACH TIME I SEE YOU.
DID YOU SHRINK WHEN YOU GOT HOSPI-TALIZED?
HUU~
BUT I GOT TALLER BY 3 MILLIME-TERS THIS YEAR!
MY CHEST TOO!
THIS ISN'T THE TIME FOR THAT!

Fuu

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THREE AGAINST ONE, HUH?
IT SEEMS THAT WE WILL HAVE TO PART WAYS.
HEY, HEY,
DO YOU REALLY THINK WE'LL LET YOU RUN AWAY?
IN THIS SITUATION,
WE DEFINITELY HAVE THE ADVANTAGE, DON'T WE?
AS THANKS FOR EARLIER,
WE'LL END IT RIGHT NOW.
I HAVE MY RESENTMENT FOR THE LUNCH BREAK TOO!

I'LL JUST HAVE TO FORCE MY WAY THROUGH.
---WELL THEN,
...IT CAN'T BE HELPED.
WE'LL JUST BREAK TWO OR THREE BONES OF YOURS.
IN ORDER TO MAKE YOU CAN'T DO ANY-THING BAD ANYMORE
NOW IT HAS COME TO THIS,

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# CHAPTER 30:
# DARK PATH OF TERROR

THIS HERE IS AN ILLEGAL RE-MODELLED AIR GUN.
IT FIRES A 4 GRAM PELLET WITH A MUZZLE-VELOCITY OF 150 METERS PER SECOND WITH NO SOUND.
IT'LL DEFINITELY HURT IF YOU GET HIT BY IT.
YOU'LL BE CRINGING SO MUCH THAT YOU WON'T BE ABLE TO THINK STRAIGHT.
THERE'S A LIMIT TO HOW MUCH DAMAGE ONE SHOT CAN DO SO YOU WON'T DIE BUT,
YOU'D BETTER LET ME ESCAPE NOW.
TO BEGIN WITH, IT WOULD BE BAD FOR A CORPSE THAT WAS OBVIOUSLY MURDERED TO APPEAR IN HERE.

WELL, NOW THAT YOU MENTION IT...
I HAVE ONE TOO.
チャキ
ピク

IT'S THE SAME AS THE RE-MODELLED AIR GUN.
BUT MY BULLET HAS BEEN FILLED WITH ANAES-THETIC.
IF YOU GET HIT BY ONE OF THESE, YOU'LL BECOME HELPLESS WITHIN 10 SECONDS.
YOUR BONES WILL REALLY BE BROKEN.
...IT'S ABSOLUTE DEATH FOR YOU.

YOU CAN'T CAUSE A BIG SCENE IN HERE.
SOMEONE WILL DEFINITELY COME, AFTER QUESTIONING WHAT'S GOING ON, AND THE POLICE WILL GET INVOLVED FOR SURE.
... HM.
SO I'M IN A REAL PINCH?
THAT'S RIGHT.
... ALSO,
YOU WANT TO AVOID THAT FOR THE SAKE OF THE UPCOMING "HUNT" RIGHT?
THAT WOULD SURELY LIMIT YOUR MOVEMENTS

YOU CAN'T KILL THIS GIRL HERE.
EVEN IF YOU USE VIOLENCE AGAINST RIO AND ME TO WORM YOUR WAY OUT,
AFTER ALL, RIGHT NOW
YOU WON'T KILL ANYONE BUT THE BLADE CHILDREN.
RIGHT.
THAT IS MY MINIMUM RULE AS A "HUNTER".
YOU HAVE A HUGE HANDI-CAP.
CAN YOU ESCAPE THIS PLACE DESPITE THAT?

.....
Eh?
JUST WATCH ME.

GO AHEAD AND TRY!
HUH?

WA-
WAH!
!
...
KUH
...!!
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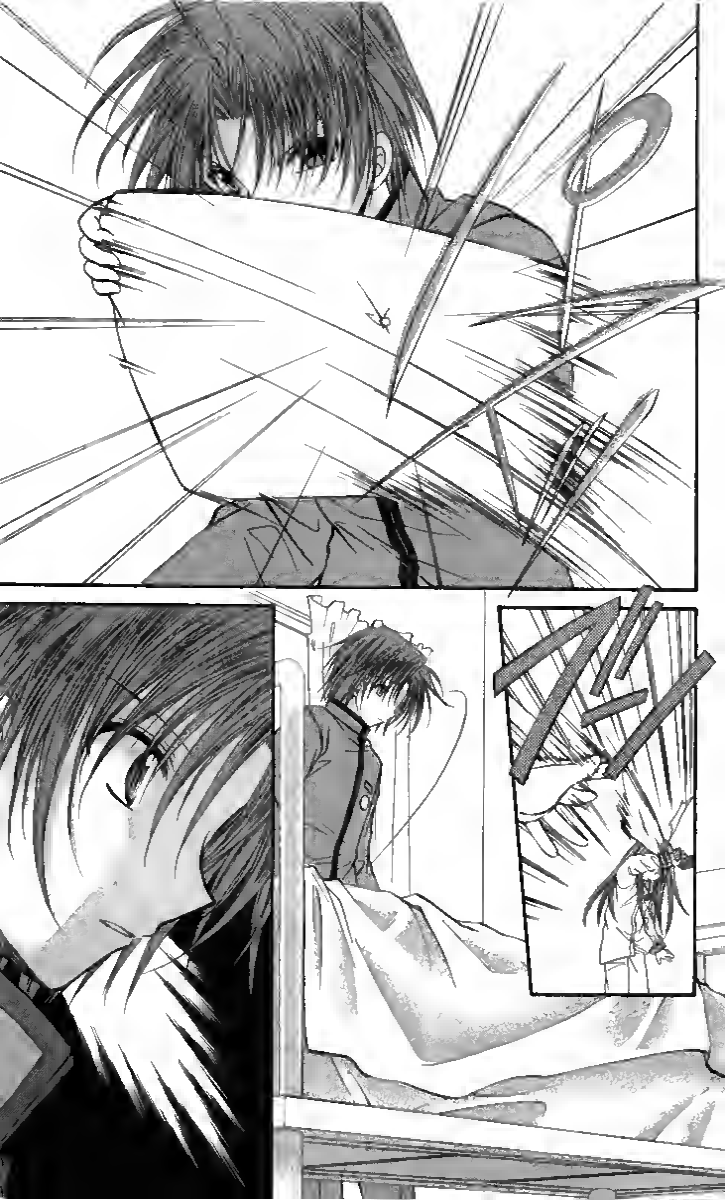


OH!!
YOU'VE GOT A QUICK HAND.
WASN'T THAT CRUEL!
THROWING ME IN FRONT OF A GUN LIKE THAT!
MY BAD, MY BAD.

BUT THAT THREW OFF THE TIMING OF KANONE'S SHOT
IF HE HAD FIRED PROPERLY, HE MIGHT HAVE KILLED YOU
THAT MOMENT GAVE ME THE CHANCE TO KICK THE GUN,
AND IT GAVE RIO TIME TO AIM
ON TOP OF THAT, YOU STOLE KANONE'S GUN.
IN SHORT, IT'S A TEAM PLAY WITH HIYONO-SAN AS A "SHIELD".
IT FEELS LIKE WHER-EVER I GO, I'M BEING TREATED LIKE A LITTLE GIRL....
Shield...
.....
--WELL, WELL

AND RYOUKO-CHAN AT YOUR FRONT.
YOU HAVE 2 GUNS AIMING AT YOU.
IT'S YOUR LOSS.
KA-NONE-KUN.

IT'D BE PRETTY TOUGH...
I STILL HAVE TIME TO BEAT RYOUKO RARE-HANDER..
BUT IN THAT TIME, I COULD ALSO GET SHOT
Fu
. IT WOULD SEEM SO
...BUT
IF SOME-ONE WHO DOESN'T KNOW THE SITUATION SEES THIS, WHAT WOULD HE THINK?
... HUH?

YOU'RE SURROUND -ING AN UNARMED BOY.
THAT PERSON WON'T KNOW WHO THE BAD GUYS ARE.
"SOME ONE WHO DOESN'T KNOW" WILL COME HERE NO?
DON'T WORRY ABOUT SUCH UN-NECESSARY THINGS
OR IS THIS SOME KIND OF TRICK?
...BUT SOON ...
AH !! .....

THE NURSE CALL BUTTON !!
WHAT HAP-PENED, TAKE-UCHI-SAN?!

TAKE-UCHI-SAN, I'M COMING IN!
チチ!
WHAT HAP-PENED?!
I'M SORRY.
HER CHEST STARTED HURTING ALL OF A SUDDEN...
I UNDER-STAND
TAKE UCHI-SAN, CAN YOU STAND?
...YE... YES,..
IN THE OPEN-ING OF A SE-COND
... SOME-HOW...

NO WAY...
NO WAY HE TURNED THE TABLES SO EASILY ---!!
WE'D BETTER LEAVE.
WE SHOULDN'T INTERRUPT THE NURSE

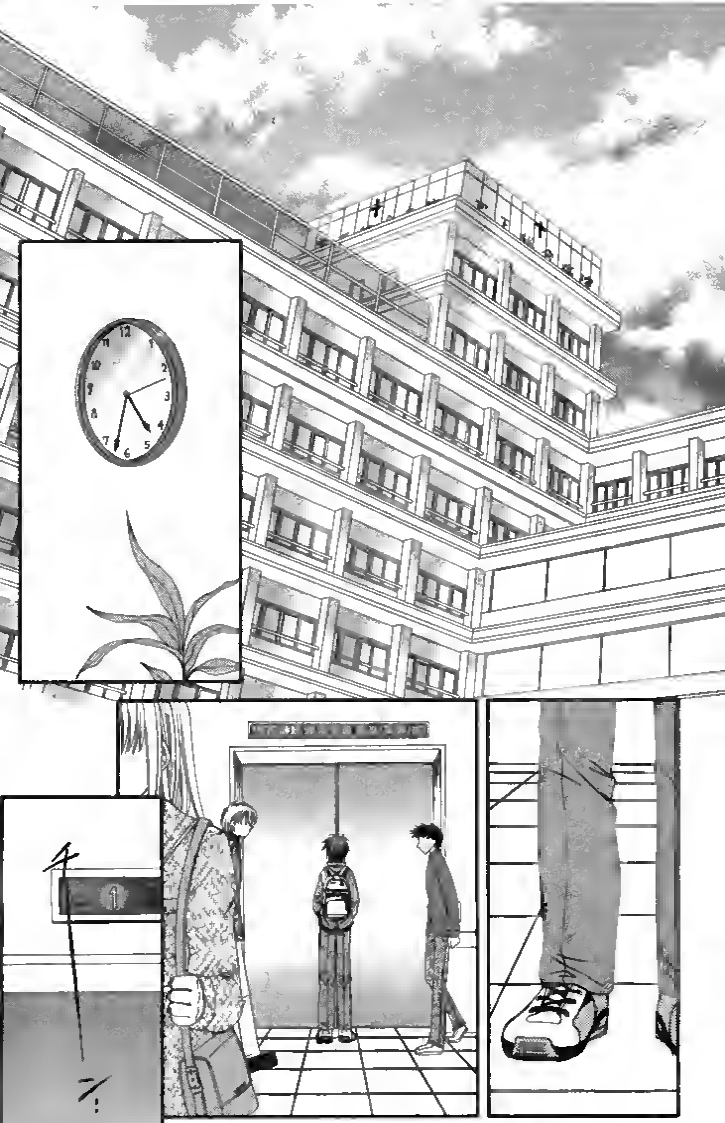
RE-
TURN
THIS
TO
RIO.
AH!
OH,
RIGHT.
TODAY
WAS A
DRAW.

DID YOU SWEAT ENOUGH YET?
BUT IN THE END, WE LOST.
IT'S BECAUSE WE THOUGHT THAT KANONE-SAN WOULDN'T BE ABLE TO ESCAPE WHEN HE WAS SURROUNDED BY 3 PEOPLE
..WE SHOULD HAVE WON,

IF THE POLICE HAD GOTTEN INVOLVED, WE WOULD HAVE HAD MORE PROBLEMS THAN JUST KANONE.
OUR SIDE HELD ALL THE WEAPONS.
IT'S NOT ONLY THAT.
AND SO, OUR RESPONSE TO THE KNOCK WAS SLOW...
AND WE LET HIM ESCAPE
IT WOULDN'T END WITHOUT AN EXPLANATION ABOUT THE BLADE CHILDREN...
...IT WOULD HAVE ONLY HELPED KANONE'S PLAY.
...WHAT THE HELL IS THAT GUY?

HE'S ONE OF THE PITIFUL BLADE CHILDREN AFTER ALL...
THEY ARE NOT NOR-MAL!
HIS ABILITY AND JUDGE-MENT SKILLS
HIS CAPABILITY TO FORM PLANS TO TURN THE TABLES
...OF COURSE THEY AREN'T.

CHAPTER 31:
THE MOCKERS'
POSITION



ONE OF THE BLADE CHILDREN, TAKEUCHI RIO, HUH
I CAN PROBABLY STILL TALK TO HER..
HM?
Tink

It's a secret task!
WELL... IT'S FINE.
.....
THAT'S RIGHT, SHE'S NOT AROUND ...
IT'D BE WEIRD IF SHE'S ALWAYS AROUND ...
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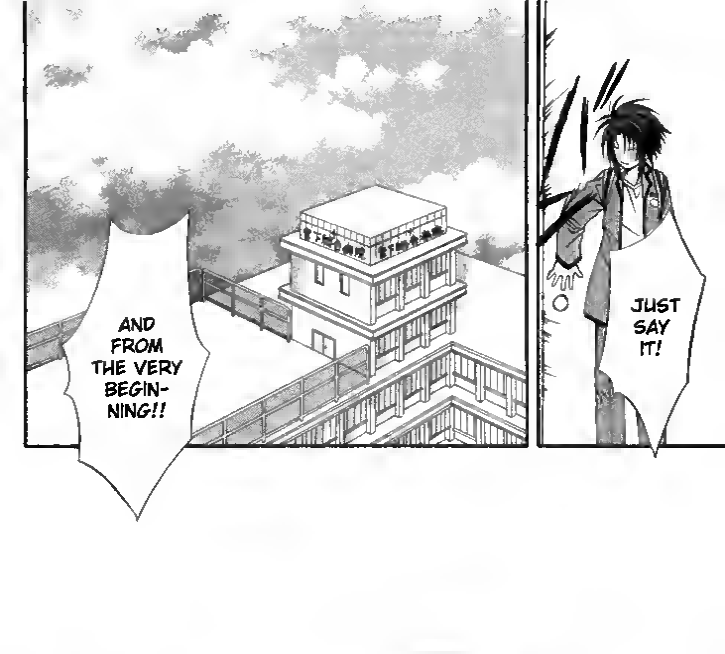
Takeuchi Rio
RYOU -KO!!
?

5:10
Takeuchi Rio
DON'T SPEAK SO LOUDLY, YOU BAKA!!
IF I WAS HERE, HE AND I COULD'VE STABBED EACH OTHER AND HE WOULDN'T RUN-
YOU WERE EXPECTING KANONE'S SURPRISE ATTACK AND YOU DIDN'T TELL ME?!
.....?
?

DON'T TAKE KANONE LIGHTLY.
RYOUKO-CHAN IS RIGHT.
WHAT GOOD IS STABBING EACH OTHER?!
THAT'S WHY I DIDN'T SAY ANY-THING.
SHUT UP!!
IF YOU DON'T WITH-DRAW WHEN YOU'RE SUP-POSED TO,
YOU'LL JUST DIE IN VAIN.

AH!
NA-RUMI-SAN.
!
YOU LET YOUR-SELF IN?
!!
...WHAT HAP-PENED?
AND WHY ARE YOU HERE?
WELL, WHERE SHOULD I START EXPLAIN-ING?
IT'S HARD ---!


AND FROM THE VERY BEGIN-NING!!
JUST SAY IT!

SO HE'S NOT BAD BY NATURE ...
...THAT BAS-TARD...

I DON'T KNOW WHAT YOU ARE THINKING, BUT
IT'S NO PROBLEM FOR HIM TO INVOLVE YOU
NA-RUMI-OTOU -TO.
IT'S JUST LIKE WHAT KOUSUKE SAID.
THAT'S RIGHT
YOUR COMMON SENSE IS OF NO USE.
WITH SO MANY BLADE CHILDREN BEING KILLED,
YOU CAN'T MOVE WITH A CHEAP SENSE OF JUSTICE.

THIS BATTLE ---
YOU WON'T KNOW ...
WHO'S JUSTICE AND WHO'S EVIL.
...THAT BAS-TARD,
HE USED TO BE YOUR FRIEND, RIGHT?

.....
...YES.
HE WAS RUTHER-FORD'S CLOSE FRIEND,
AND HE TAUGHT ME AND RYOUKO HOW TO FIGHT.
HE WAS RELIABLE WHEN IT CAME TO BEING THE HEAD OF KILLING THE "HUNTERS".
"HUN-TERS"...?

KA-NONE INCLUD-ED,
THEY WERE THE ONES WE WERE MOSTLY FIGHTING UNTIL NOW ..
.. THAT'S WHAT THE ONES WHO TRY TO KILL THE BLADE CHILDREN CALL THEM-SELVES.
...YOU MEAN,
...IT WAS ABOUT ONE YEAR AGO...
BUT HE BECAME A "HUNTER" FOR THE OTHER SIDE?
KANONE-SAN WAS ONCE ON THE SIDE THAT PROTECTED THE BLADE CHILDREN...

SOMETHING HAPPENED TO THAT BASTARD...
AND HE SAID...
THE BLADE CHILDREN SHOULD REALLY BE ANNIHILATED
...WITH A BROODING FACE ~~~...

AND THEN, HE ESTRANGED FROM US.

KIYOTAKA-SAMA TRIED TO CONVINCE HIM NOT TO BECOME A "HUNTER"..
MY BROTHER
BUT,

THAT'S RIGHT
AND HE LEFT RUTHER -FORD.
BUT EVEN THE GREAT KIYOTAKA COULDN'T CHANGE KANONE'S MIND.
...HE WAS PROBABLY READY FOR IT,
IT WAS PROBABLY HIS DETER-MINATION NOT TO BE MOVED BY ANYONE..
.....

BECAUSE THERE ARE TIMES THAT I THINK LIKE THAT TOO.
...IT'S NOT LIKE I CAN'T UNDERSTAND KANONE-KUN'S FEEL-INGS,
...THAT WE...
SHOULD NOT BE ALIVE...
.....

GOING TO KILL HIM?
...ARE YOU
NO.
EVEN IF KA-NONE-KUN WANTS TO KILL US,
WE WON'T KILL HIM.
AND IF POSSIBLE, WE DON'T WANT THE POLICE TO GET INVOLVED EITHER.
BE-CAUSE HE'S AN IMPOR-TANT FRIEND...
WE'LL JUST STOP HIM.

KANONE -KUN COULD BE RIGHT,
WE COULD BE RIGHT,
OR BOTH SIDES COULD BE WRONG.
.....
THERE IS ONLY ONE THING
THAT IS FOR SURE
KANONE -KUN AND US, WE ARE ALL
MUR- DER- ERS.

...THIS IS THE CURSED FIGHT OF THE CURSED ONES.
NO MATTER WHO YOU ALLY WITH, YOU'LL JUST DIRTY YOUR HANDS...
YOU WOULDN'T BE ABLE TO DO IT IF YOU WERE DESTINED TO HAVE CLEAN HANDS.

YOU SHOULD GO BACK HOME AND SLEEP.
...THIS ISN'T RELATED TO YOU, RIGHT...?
.....

...IF THIS HAS NO-THING TO DO WITH ME.
DO ALL OF THE FIGHTS ON YOUR OWN,
AND LET ME SLEEP HAPPILY AND FREELY.
...BUT

I'M NOT PLEASED WITH IT ....
DOES THIS REALLY HAVE NOTHING TO DO WITH ME?
THAT'S RIGHT! THAT'S RIGHT!
... THA-
IT HAS CAUSED US BAD TIMES UP TO NOW, SO IT IS RELATED TO US!
SHUT UP.
YOU'RE NOISY.
Grr

WHAT'S THAT?!
WHEN SOMEONE IS GIVING YOU SUP-PORT!
IT'S FINE, JUST SHUT UP.
BECAUSE WHEN SPEAK-ING ABOUT RELATING OR NOT, YOU'RE THE ONE THAT IS UNRELATED THE MOST.
I'VE BEEN USED QUITE A LOT UP TO NOW, SO HOW CAN I BE UNRELATED TO THIS?!
I'M NOT NEEDED SO YOU'RE GONNA THROW ME AWAY?!
ARE YOU GONNA JUST USE A GIRL AND THEN THROW HER AWAY?!
WHAA... YOU'RE THE WORST.
YOU'LL DEFINITELY MAKE GIRLS CRY LIKE THAT...
HEY YOU!!
DON'T BADMOUTH MY REPU-TATION!

SURE, I DON'T KNOW ABOUT YOUR CURSE AND YOUR PROBLEMS,
AND THERE'S DEFINITELY A MOUNTAIN OF OTHER THINGS I DON'T KNOW.
...BUT,
THERE IS SOMETHING I'VE ALWAYS KNOWN MORE THAN YOU.

I KNOW MY BROTHER BETTER THAN ANYONE ELSE.
LISTEN.
THERE IS NOTHING MY BROTHER CAN'T DO
THERE IS NOTHING MY BROTHER CAN'T CHANGE IF HE WANTS
NO MATTER HOW IMPOSSIBLE THING IS, MY BROTHER WON'T FAIL.
...DON'T BELIEVE IN THOSE WEIRD THINGS.
THE TRUTH IS THAT HE FAILED IN CONVINCING KANONE.
I'M TELLING YOU THAT YOUR JUDGEMENT WAS WRONG

...O-TOUTO-SAN,
YOU MEAN THAT...
MY BROTHER HAD NO INTENTION OF CONVINCING HIM IN THE FIRST PLACE.
RATHER, THERE IS A CHANCE THAT HE WAS AIMING FOR KANONE TO BECOME YOUR ENEMY.
...THAT'S THE WAY NARUMI KIYOTAKA WORKS...

EVERY-THING THAT HAS HAP-PENED SO FAR—
AND WHAT WILL HAPPEN FROM NOW ON...
IT'S ALL PART OF BIG BROTHER'S PLAN.

EVERY-ONE, INCLUD-ING KA-NONE,
IS JUST BEING PLAYED AROUND BY MY BROTHER ...!
...THERE IS JUST
NO WAY THAT I'M NOT RELATED.
THE ONE THAT IS BEING PLAYED AROUND BY BROTHER THE MOST IS....

ME...
MYSELF
---...

運命の来訪者・カノンとの戦いの刻、迫る――。

信じる者、それはさだめを変える力を持つ者……。

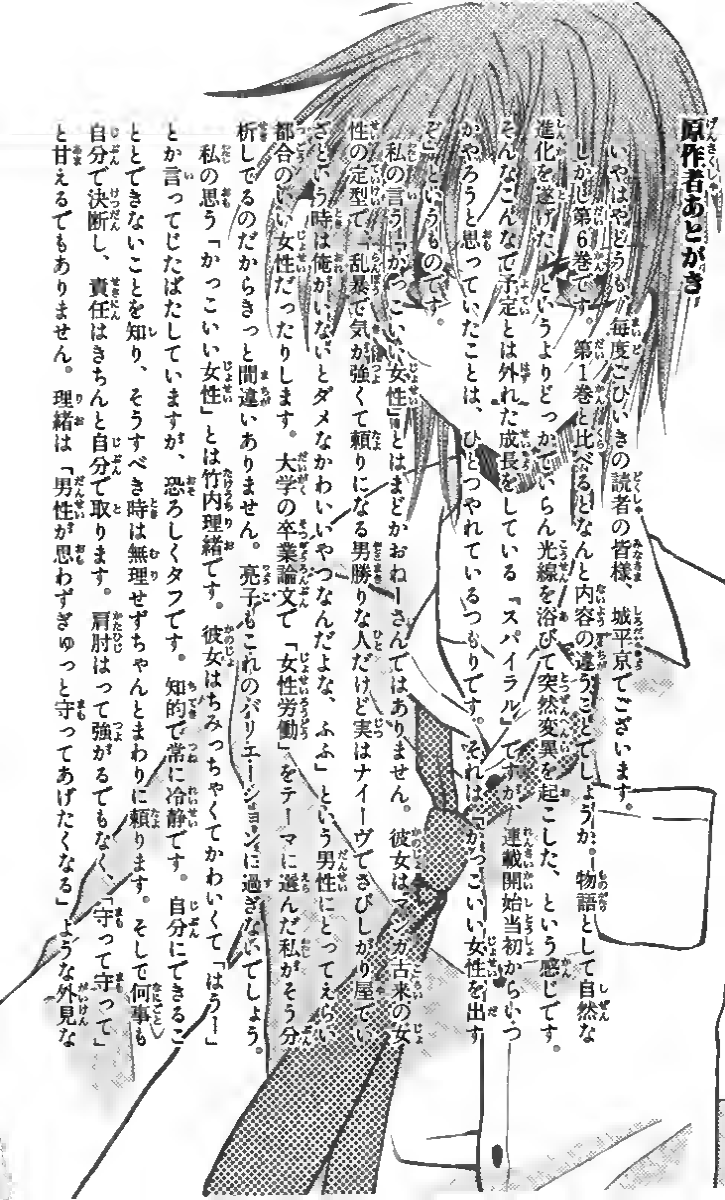
そして、明らかになる驚愕の真実――――!!

次巻、彼らの運命をかけた戦いが始まる!!

*To be continued. Please wait!*

THE NEW CHARACTER KANONE HILBERT HAS MONOPOLIZED THE SPIRAL GROUNDS
Spiral work diary
*Let's play with Kanone*
HERE
THIS GRAFFITI WAS DRAWN ON KANONE IN A FAMOUS PARTY! ITEM - "NOSE GLASSES" (WITH A MOUSTACHE)
!!
It probably suits him.

A special option: Bunny ears
Nose glasses
Moustache 1
Moustache 2
Moustache 3
Dog nose
Try copying them and putting them on Kanone!
If you put it on, you can get Shimotsuki's painting of that!!
WELL, IF THAT'S THE CASE, THESE ARE PROBABLY THE THINGS THAT WERE USED
Pant Pant
IF YOU GIVE OPINIONS OF "I WANT TO SEE IT", WE WILL GLADLY DRA...
SORRY READERS, WE COULDN'T DRAW IT DIRECTLY INTO A PICTURE, BUT...
NEXT TIME...
LET'S MEET AGAIN



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いやはやどうも毎度ごひいきの読者の皆様、城平京でございます。

しかし第6巻です。第1巻と比べるとなんと内容の違うことでしょうか。物語として自然な進化を遂げたというよりどっかいらん光線を浴びて突然変異を起こした、という感じです。

そんなこんなで予定とは外れた成長をしている「スパイラル」ですが、連載開始当初からいつかやろうと思っていたことは、ひとつやれているつもりです。それは「かっこいい女性を出す」ということです。

私の言う「かっこいい女性」とはまどかおねーさんではありません。彼女はマンガ古来の女性の定型で、「乱暴で気が強くて頼りになる男勝りな人だけど実はナイーヴでさびしがり屋でざこという時は俺がいないとダメなかわいいやつなんだよな、ふふ」という男性にとってえらい都合のいい女性だったりします。大学の卒業論文で「女性労働」をテーマに選んだ私がそう分析してるのだからきっと間違いありません。亮子もこれのバリエーションに過ぎないでしょう。

私の思う「かっこいい女性」とは竹内理緒です。彼女はちみっちゃくてかわいくて「はう！」とか言ってじたばたしていますが、恐ろしくタフです。知的で常に冷静です。自分にできることとできないことを知り、そうすべき時は無理せずちゃんとまわりに頼ります。そして何事も自分で決断し、責任はきちんと自分で取ります。肩肘はって強がるでもなく、「守って守って」と甘えるでもありません。理緒は「男性が思わずぎゅっと守ってあげたくなる」ような外見な

がら、あらゆる意味で自立した娘さんなのです。自立した人ほどかっこいいものはありません。なかなかこうはなれません。

案ノこういう女性キャラはいない気がします。だから出したいと思っていました。しかしこれが難しい。「だいたいこんな子」と言葉では説明できても、実際に動けるキャラとしてイメージできなかったのです。原作段階ではセリフや立ち振る舞いを書いたけれど、唐突に性格の変わる失敗キャラになっておりました。そこで、私は野望を達成するべく卑怯な手に出たのです。

「水野さん、なんとかして」……なんとかしてくれました。予想以上に。ひとりじゃないって素晴らしいというお話でした。

最後にお詫びを。いつもコミックス発売に合わせてガンガンNET（http://www.enix.co.jp/gangan/）で外伝小説を書き下ろしておりましたが、今回お休みになってしまいました。楽しみにしていらした皆様、ほんとごめんなさい。代わりと言ってはなんですが、三月末に出た小説版「スパイラル」の第三弾「鋼鉄番長の密宝」でどうかお許しを。これを書いていたせいでダウンしちゃったりもしたのですよ。次はちゃんと書きますから。

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